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RETIREMENT OF CAPTAIN JAMES NYGAARD

Colonel Bryan Klipfel, superintendent of the North Dakota Highway Patrol, announces the retirement of Captain James Nygaard. Effective July 31, 2006, Captain James Nygaard retired as a sworn officer from the North Dakota Highway Patrol after over 29 years of distinguished service.

Captain Nygaard began his career with the Highway Patrol in February 1977 attending the Highway Patrol Academy in Bismarck, ND. Upon graduation from the academy, he was stationed as a trooper in Langdon. In July 1986, Captain Nygaard was promoted to sergeant and reassigned to the Jamestown Highway Patrol District as district sergeant. In June 1993, he was appointed acting district commander for Jamestown. In January 1994, he was reassigned as district sergeant until his promotion to captain in March 2000 when he was appointed district commander where he served until his retirement. Captain Nygaard was in charge of the department's Tactical Response Unit, a specially trained force of officers for selected emergency situations within the department's jurisdiction and for assistance to other agencies when requested.

"Captain Nygaard provided professional service to the citizens of North Dakota through his leadership and management expertise as well as his community involvement efforts," said Colonel Klipfel.

Upon his retirement, Captain Nygaard was awarded the North Dakota Highway Patrol Meritorious Service Medal for serving with merit and distinction.

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